

## EXTENSION OF GENERAL CLAIMS COMMISSION

*Convention signed at Washington August 16, 1927, modifying convention of September 8, 1923*

*Ratified by Mexico September 30, 1927*

*Ratified by the President of the United States October 8, 1927, pursuant to Senate resolution of February 17, 1927<sup>1</sup>*

*Ratifications exchanged at Washington October 12, 1927*

*Entered into force October 12, 1927*

*Proclaimed by the President of the United States October 13, 1927*

*Expired August 30, 1929*

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WHEREAS a convention was signed on September 8, 1923,<sup>2</sup> between the United States of America and the United Mexican States for the settlement and amicable adjustment of certain claims therein defined; and

WHEREAS under Article VI of said convention the Commission constituted pursuant thereto is bound to hear, examine and decide within three years from the date of its first meeting all the claims filed with it, except as provided in Article VII; and

WHEREAS it now appears that the said Commission cannot hear, examine and decide such claims within the time limit thus fixed;

The President of the United States of America and the President of the United Mexican States are desirous that the time originally fixed for the duration of the said Commission should be extended, and to this end have named as their respective plenipotentiaries, that is to say:

The President of the United States of America, Honorable Frank B. Kellogg, Secretary of State of the United States; and

The President of the United Mexican States, His Excellency Señor Don Manuel C. Téllez, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United Mexican States at Washington;

<sup>1</sup> The Senate resolution requested the President "in his discretion, to negotiate and conclude with the Mexican Government such agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for the extension of the life of the General Claims Commission between the United States and Mexico, in order to permit of the hearing, examination, and decision of all claims coming within the jurisdiction of the said commission under the terms of the said convention of September 8, 1923, and to make such further arrangement as in his judgment may be deemed appropriate for the expeditious adjudication of said claims."

<sup>2</sup> TS 678, *ante*, p. 935.

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following articles:

#### ARTICLE I

The High Contracting Parties agree that the term assigned by Article VI of the Convention of September 8, 1923, for the hearing, examination and decision of claims for loss or damage accruing prior to September 8, 1923, shall be and the same hereby is extended for a time not exceeding two years from August 30, 1927, the day when, pursuant to the provisions of the said Article VI, the functions of the said Commission would terminate in respect of such claims; and that during such extended term the Commission shall also be bound to hear, examine and decide all claims for loss or damage accruing between September 8, 1923, and August 30, 1927, inclusive, and filed with the Commission not later than August 30, 1927.

It is agreed that nothing contained in this Article shall in any wise alter or extend the time originally fixed in the said Convention of September 8, 1923, for the presentation of claims to the Commission, or confer upon the Commission any jurisdiction over any claim for loss or damage accruing subsequent to August 30, 1927.

#### ARTICLE II

The present Convention shall be ratified and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Washington as soon as possible.

In witness whereof the above-mentioned Plenipotentiaries have signed the same and affixed their respective seals.

Done in duplicate at the City of Washington, in the English and Spanish languages, this sixteenth day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

FRANK B. KELLOGG [SEAL]

MANUEL C. TÉLLEZ [SEAL]